

# T H E C A S E O F

## Mr. Jeronimy Clifford,

### Merchant and Planter of SURINAM.

*An Abridgment of my Written Account of all Particulars, and of my Printed Accounts Currant, of Costs, Damages and Interests, which I, Jeronimy Clifford, a Natural Born Subject of England, has sustained, in my Person and Estate, at Surinam, from the Year 1685, to the Year 1695, and since to the 10th of May 1717, by the Illegal Proceedings of the Dutch Governours and Council of Surinam, in Breach of the Fifth Article of the Treaty of Peace made betwixt England and Holland in the Year 1674. as followeth, viz.*

#### Dates of the Sentences.

		lb. Sugar.
5 & 7 May 1685.	Sentence for Taxes paid more than Collected,	38942
10 Febr. 1685.	888 Acres of Land, Charges paid,	8680
10 & 11 Ap. 1687.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	24614
10 Apr. 1687.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	15204
11 Apr. 1687.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	6722
6 July 1687.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	11596
14 Apr. 1692.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	10492
20 Apr. 1689.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	2468
5 Aug. 1689.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	35484
5 July 1695.	My Slaves work on the Forts, &c.	79582
9 Jan. 1692.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	162666
26 Sept. 1691.	My Negro Slaves took from me,	6000
7 Novem. 1691.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	4962
6 Mvr. 1692.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	10626
9 Jan. 1692.	Fiscal Account of Fees paid,	6040
8 May 1692.	Sentences, Fines and Costs, paid,	4700
The Fines amounts to, Sugar lb.		428778
10 May 1705.	Twelve Years and more Interest of 428778 lb. Sugar	579365
10 May 1717.	Twelve Years Interest of 428778 lb. Sugar.	514533

Carried over lb. 1522676  
10 Apr.



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		Brought over lb.	1522696
10 Apr. 1687.	Account of Damages sustained,		39524
31 Dec. 1688.	Captain <i>Woodbury's</i> Deserting,		57425
10 May 1717.	Two Slaves work on the Forts,		156720
Octob. 1695.	Interest of 8885 lb. Sugar,		9773
	Three Years $\frac{1}{2}$ my Merchadizing Trade lost,		300000
	Loss in buying of Goods in <i>Surinam</i> ,		249418
	Loss in sellings my Sugars in <i>Surinam</i> ,		440935
	Two hundred ninety one Hhds. Sugar lost or stole,		203700
10 May 1695.	Freight of the States General's Orders,		57687
	Two Houses built in the Forts,		15284
	My Ship destroyed by the Governour,		40928
	My Commission of Mr. <i>Bruninge's</i> Estate,		300000
	Civil Sentences, &c. given against me,		400000

Sugar lb. 3794124

		Guilders.	
	3794124 lb. Sugars, at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Stivers per lb. comes to	284554	6
	My Costs in attending Law Suits,	9335	6
	My Personal Damages,	50000	
	My Expences in Prison,	18511	15
10 May 1695.	My Director's Sallary,	2870	12
	My Physitians's Practice,	700	
	My Plantation Damaged,	51584	
	Postage of Letters,	734	
	Paid for the States-General's Orders,	1200	

I am humbly of Opinion, that I ought to be allowed for my Costs and Damages the following Sums, which I have suffered since my Enlargement, by my coming to *Europe* to prosecute this Matter, since the 10th of *October* 1695.

	My Director's Sallary,	21500	
	Cost to Lawyers, &c. paid,	34673	2
10 May 1717.	My Expences,	23650	
	My Physitian's Practice,	2150	
	My Merchantdizing Trade lost,	126000	
	I am damaged in the Value of my Estate,	52375	
	More Costs, Damages and Interest, from the 10th of <i>May</i> 1717, to the 10th of <i>May</i> 1720.		

	Sugar.	
	Three Years Interest of 428778 lb. Sugar,	128633
	Three Years my Slaves Work on the Forts	7512
		136145

	136145 lb. of Sugar, at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Styver per lb.	10211	
	Three Years my Director's Sallary,	3000	
	Three Years Costs to my Lawyers, &c.	3300	
10 May 1720.	Three Years my daily Expences,	3300	
	Three Years my Physitian's Practice,	300	
	Three Years my Merchantdizing Trade lost,	18000	
		38111	

Guilders, 717909 5

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By an Inventory and Contract made the 3<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of *July*, 1688. which were then recorded in the Secretaries Office at *Surinam*, it appears, that I hired out my Plantation, with 79 Slaves, 14 Horses, 41 Head of Cattle, and 89 Acres of Sugar Canes, to one *Samuel Lodge*, for the space of four Years: By which Contract *Samuel Lodge* was bound to pay me yearly, 127600 lb. of Sugar, for the Rent of my Plantation, clear of all Taxes, Costs and Charges whatsoever; and at the Expiration of that time, *Samuel Lodge* was bound to restore back to me the Plantation, in the same Condition it was in when he receiv'd it, and with the same Number of Slaves, Horses, Cattle, and Acres of Sugar Canes, &c. which are mentioned in the aforesaid Inventory; yet, nevertheless, I, with about the same Number of Slaves, Horses and Cattle, made about twice as much Profits out of my Plantation after *Samuel Lodge's* sudden Death, in the aforesaid four Years time, in the following Account; and so consequently my said Plantation in *Surinam*, which I left free from Debt on the 13<sup>th</sup> of *October* 1695. with 67 Slaves, 20 Horses, 22 Head of Cattle, and 200 Acres of Sugar Canes, hath, or ought to have, ship'd off upon Freight every Year for my Account, by the Management of an indifferent Director, not less than 120000 lb. of Sugar, besides keeping the Plantation in full Repair, and free from Debt; which for 25 Years and an half space that I have been absent from *Surinam*, viz. from the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of *October* 1695. to the 10<sup>th</sup> of *May* 1720. comes to 3000000 lb. of Sugar; which at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  *Styver* per lb. amounts to, Guilders, 225000

About *December* 1695. I sent from *Barbadoes* to my Attorney and Manager *Francis le Brun* at *Surinam* 2500 Guilders in Money for the Use of my Plantation in that Collony, which appears by Bills of Loadings, and no Account nor Satisfaction given me for the same, by reason the Governour of *Surinam*, by a Sentence of the 12<sup>th</sup> of *January* 1704. acquitted the Heir of *Francis le Brun* from being accountable to me for this said Money, and for seven Years neat Produce of my Plantation, while it was under *Francis le Brun* and his Heir's Direction, from the 13<sup>th</sup> of *October* 1695. to the 24<sup>th</sup> of *April* 1703. and therefore I bring this said Money to account here.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of *October* 1695. when I came last from *Surinam* standing in my Boyling-House on my Plantation, 12 Hhds of Sugar, ready made, at 800 lb. each, comes to 10400 lb. per lb. amounts to

#### My Plantation

From the 13<sup>th</sup> of *October* 1695. five Years and a halfs time, I received from *Surinam* but 857 Hhds of Sugar, at 800 lb. each, comes to 685600 lb. per lb. amounts to,

Twelve Years th  
Guilders, at 10 pe



Their High Mightinesses the States General of the *United Netherlands*, by their Resolutions of the 6th of *December* 1700, in answer to His Late Majesty King *William's* Envoy, Mr. *Stanhope's* Memorial, relating to this Matter, declare, That when I first began to settle and cultivate my now Plantation in *Surinam* in *Ann* 1684, that mine and my Wife's whole Estate was then worth at the utmost but 25000 Guilders; and with 10000 Guilders, which my Father, Mr. *Andrew Clifford*, brought into Company with me in my Plantation in the Year 1685, I made and profited out of my said Plantation, from *Anno* 1685. to *Anno* 1695. in ten Years time, these following Sums, which my Papers and Books of Accounts will sufficiently make appear at length: And notwithstanding the Government of *Surinam* hath from time to time nipp'd the Growth of my Estate while it was in the Bud, by the many vexatious Suits and Fines which they fomented and imposed upon me; yet nevertheless I advanced my Estate, which I left clear from all Debt and Pretensions whatsoever, at my last Departure from *Surinam* on the 13th of *October* 1695. to be worth, at five Years Purchase, 150000 Pounds, and at ten Years Purchase the same was worth 300000 Pounds of Sugars; as appears by the Inventory and Appraisment thereof.

## Hhds. Plantation Debtor.

150	Sugars made from <i>Anno</i> 1685 to	
	<i>Anno</i>	1686
200	<i>Ditto</i> , made in the Year	1687
250	<i>Ditto</i> , made in the Year	1688
300	<i>Ditto</i> , made in the Year	1689
350	<i>Ditto</i> , made in the Year	1690
400	<i>Ditto</i> , made in the Year	1691
450	<i>Ditto</i> , made in the Year	1692
	<i>Ditto</i> , made in the Year	1693
	<i>Ditto</i> , made in the Year,	1694
	made in the Year,	1695
weigh,		
581962		

## Plantation Credit.

The whole Costs, Expences and Disbursements of my Family and my Plantation at *Surinam*, in buying and paying for Slaves, Horses, Cattle, House-keeping, private Expence, Servant's Wages, Tradesmen's Works, and all other Necessaries for me, my Slaves and my Plantation use, (wearing Apparel only excepted) from *Anno* 1685. to *Anno* 1695. in ten Years space, as appears by my true Books and Accounts, comes to 869240 lb. of Sugar; which at 1½ Styver per lb. amounts to,

Guilders, 65193

To divers Goods and Slaves bought in *Holland*, for me and my Plantation's Use, in the aforesaid ten Years time, which appears by my Books and

ts, to amount to, 10894

76187

Balance, 242478

Guilders, 318665

Now



Now had not I been oblig'd to come from the *West Indies* to *Europe* on purpose to prosecute my Redress in this Case, and had I had Justice duly administered me thereupon; I could have made and profited out of my Plantation, and by my Merchantizing Trade, within *Surinam* or *Jamaica*, from the 10th of *October* 1695. to the 10th of *May* 1720. at least these following Sums, had I not been detained here in *England* and *Holland*, merely to prosecute this aforesaid Matter, viz.

Plantation Debtor.		Plantation Debtor.	
Hhds.		Hhds.	
400 Sugars, from <i>Anno</i> 1695 to		1000 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1708
<i>Anno</i> ,	1696	1050 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1709
450 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1697	1100 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1710
500 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1698	1150 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1711
550 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1699	1200 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1712
600 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1700	1250 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1713
650 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1701	1300 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1714
700 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1702	1350 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1715
750 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1703	1400 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1716
800 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1704	1450 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1717
850 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1705	1500 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1718
900 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1706	1550 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1719
950 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1707	1600 <i>Ditto</i> , in the Year	1720
8100 Hds.		16900 Carried over.	
16900 Brought over.			
25000 Hhds of Sugar.			

Plantation Debtor.  
Which 25000 Hhds. of Sugar, computed at 800 lb. each, comes to, 20000000

Now as these last 25 Years and a half's Profits, from *Anno* 1695. to *Anno* 1720. comes to 20000000 lb. of Sugar, which is  $7\frac{1}{4}$  times as much as the foregoing Sum of 2581962. in *Page* the 4th, made in ten Years time, from *Anno* 1685. to *Anno* 1695. so consequently my Profits of Rum, Molasses, Timber, Cattle, Slaves

Carried over, 20000000

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#### Plantation Credit.

Now as the Costs, Expenses and Disbursements of my Plantation in *Surinam*, from *Anno* 1685. to *Anno* 1695. in ten Years time, comes to 76187 Guilders, so consequently the same for 25 Years and a half's time, viz. from the Year 1695. to the Year 1720. comes to  $7\frac{1}{4}$  times as much as the above Sum of 76187 Guilders, which amounts to, 590456

*Page* the 3d. From the 13th of *October* 1695. to the

Carried over, 590456

Work,



Brought over, 20000000  
 Work, &c. must be  $7\frac{1}{4}$  times  
 as much as the Sum of 847924  
 lb. of Sugar, in *Page* the 4th,  
 which amounts to, 6571448

Item,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  times the Sum of  
 818969 lb. of Sugar, in *Page*  
 the 4th, for my Merchant-  
 dizing Trade lost from *Anno*  
 1695. to *Anno* 1720. amounts  
 to, 6347012

Sugar lb. 32918460

Which 32918460 lb. of Su-  
 gar, computed at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Styver Guild.  
 per lb. amounts to, Guilders, 2473884

About *December* 1695. I  
 sent from *Barbadoes*, to my  
 Attorney and Manager, *Francis le Brun*, at *Surinam*, 2500  
 Guilders in Money, for the  
 Use of my Plantation in that  
 Collony, which appears by  
 Bills of Loadings, and in the  
 3d *Page* here, 2500

*Page* the 3d, on the 13th  
 of *October* 1695. when I came  
 last from *Surinam*, I left stand-  
 ing in my Boyling House on  
 my Plantation, 13 Hhds. of  
 good Sugar, ready made, at  
 800 lb. each, comes to 10400  
 lb. at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Styver per lb. a-  
 mounts to, 780

Guilders, 2477164

Brought over, 590456  
 10th of *May* 1720. in 25  
*Years* and a half's time, I  
 have received from my Plan-  
 tation in *Surinam* but 857  
 Hhds of Sugar, at 800 lb.  
 each, is 685600 lb. at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Sty-  
 ver per lb. amounts to, 51420

I have received 12000 Guil-  
 ders in Money out of my Ef-  
 fects at *Barbadoes*, in the a-  
 bovesaid 25 *Years* and half's  
 time, 12000

653876  
 Ballance, 1823288

Guilders, 2477164

The Ballance of this Ac-  
 count amounts to, 1823288

Twelve *Year* and a half's  
 Interest of the above Sum of  
 1823288 Guilders, at 10 per  
*Cent. per Ann.* amounts to, 21604285

Guilders, 23427572



Here followeth an Account of the Inventory and Appraisement of my Plantati-  
 on in *Surinam*, as it was on the 31st of *December*, 1717. as followeth, viz.

Acres.	Sugar Canes.	Sugar.
33	Of 1st Crop, at 3000 lb. per Acre,	99000
16	Of 2d Crop, at 2200 lb. per Acre,	35200
15½	Of 3d Crop, at 1500 lb. per Acre,	23250
		<u>157450</u>
64½	Acres of Sugar Canes.	

Carried over, 157450  
 15 Acres



		Sugar.
	Brought over,	157450
15 Acres of Slaves Provision Ground, at		15000
Houses.		
1 Dweling House,	12000	
1 Boyling House, with the Coppers, &c.	80000	
1 Mill House, with the Mill, &c.	50000	
1 Still House, with the Still, &c.	10000	
1 Cook Room and Stock House, all in one.	6000	
1 Cooper's House, with the Cooper's Tools, &c.	3600	
1 Privy House.	400	
15 Negro Houses.	15000	
	---	177000
Sundry Plantation Necessaries.		10000
Sundry Household Stuff.		6000
36 Goats, at 200 lb. each.		7200
68 Negro Slaves, at 6000 lb. each.		408000
15 Horses, at 6000 lb. each.		90000
22 Head of Horn Cattle, at 2800 lb. each.		61600
5 Punts, great and small, at,		12000
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	Sugar, lb.	944250
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		Guilders.

944250 lb. of Sugar, at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Styver *per* lb. comes to 70819 Guilders, at 5 Years Purchase; and at 10 Years Purchase the same is worth, 141638

1500 Acres of Land in *Surinam*, which my Plantation Consists of, in standing Wood, Pastor Land, Provision and Cane Ground, that lies on both Sides the River *Commarwina*, fit for Ships of 60 Guns to lye before it, hath 6 large Creeks running thro' the said Land, sufficient for large Punts to go up and down, to fetch my Sugar Canes and Firewood to my Mill and Boyling House; which Houses stands about 100 Foot from the River Side; and the Carriage of my Sugar Cane and Firewoods, on my Slaves Heads, by the Conveniency of the River and those Creeks, is not above 40 Rhods, or 660 Foot at furthest; and my Plantation lying the nearest to the Sea Side, is not subject to any Damage by the Freshes in the Rainey Season of the Year, to overflow my Land and drown my Sugar Canes, nor my Provision Ground; and my Sugar Canes are fully ripe, and fitting to make Sugar of, in fifteen Months time from the Day they are first planted.

Whereas 8 parts in 10 of the Plantations in *Surinam* lies all on one Side the Rivers, without having any Creeks in them, whereby they are forced to carry, upon the Heads of their Slaves, all their Sugar Canes, and Firewood to Boil their Sugar with, 80 Rhods, or 1320 Foot at furthest, to the River Side, Mill and Boyling House; and besides that their Plantations above mine, are subject to be overflow'd by the Freshes, to the Ruin of their Sugar Canes, and Provision Ground: And their Sugar Canes must stand from 18 to 22 Months before they are ripe, and fitting to make Sugar of.

Carried over, 141638

And



Guilders.

Brought over, 141648

And so consequently, my Plantation can make more Sugar in one Year with 100 Slaves, then other Plantations above mine can do in two Years, with the same Number of Slaves; whereby my Land, which the *Dutch* calls the flower of that Colony, for Profit and Healthfulness of Man and Beast, cannot be worth now less then 60 Guilders *per* Acre, which amounts to

880 Acres of Land more, in dispute at Law.

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On the 19th of *February* 1685. I had a Deed of Gift granted me by Mr. *Oli-ver Hampson* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, the only surviving Daughter and Heir of *Francis Watson*, for 480 Acres of Land in *St. Elizabeth's* Parish in *Jamaica*, which Land was granted by Pattent to the aforesaid *Francis Watson*; Bounding *North Easterly* on the Land of Lieutenant *Henry Marsey*, *South Easterly* on the Lands of Mr. *Marcus Brandt*, Mr. *John Teeles* and Major General *James Banister*. which Deed of Gift was Recorded the same Day, *viz.* the 19th of *February* 1685. in the Secretary's Office at *Jamaica*, by *Henry Eggleton* Secretary of that Island.

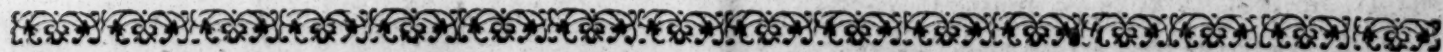
It appears by a Deed of Sale, Dated the 13th of *February* 1695. that I bought in *Barbadoes* of *Jacob Brandt* and *Sarah* his Wife, the Widow and sole Heir of *Marcus Brandt*, a 1000 Acres of Land, adjoining to my aforesaid 480 Acres of Land in *St. Elizabeth's* Parish in the Island of *Jamaica*, which said 1000 Acres of Land, was granted by Pattent to the aforesaid *Marcus Brandt*, and the same Bounds *North Easterly* on the Land of the above named *Francis Watson*; *Southwardly* on *Savana* Land; *Eastwardly* on the Lands of *Thomas Raby* and *Westwardly* on the Land of Major General *James Banister*, which Deed of Sale was Recorded in the Secretary's Office at *Barbadoes* nine Days after the Date thereof, *viz.* on the 22d of *February* 1695. by *George Payne* Deputy Secretary of that Island.

Which above mentioned two several Pieces of 1480 Acres of Land, at the time I bought the same, was then worth about 10 Guilders *per* Acre, at the time the Earthquake was in *Jamaica*; and now since the same Land is worth 70 Guilders *per* Acre, it being very rich Land which lies about one Mile from the Sea Side, on the *South* Side of the Island, about 60 Miles to the *Westward* of *Port Royal*, in a Place call'd *Banister's Bay*.

And the same Land is cheaper and better worth 7l. *per* Acre, then other Lands of the same goodness, which lies 20 Miles from the Sea Side, is worth 7s. *per* Acre, by reason of the Difference in the Carriage of the Plantations Goods, to and from the Sea Side; and so consequently my said 1480 Acres of Land in *Jamaica*, which lies on a level, and Cartable, cannot be worth less then 7l. *per* Acre, if not more; which amounts to,

Guilders, 103600

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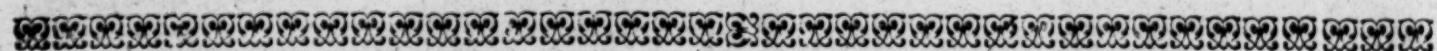
Now by my laying out 35000 Guilders, to settle and cultivate my aforesaid 1480 Acres of Land in *Jamaica*, which is sufficient to make three Sugar Work Plantations upon, with 100 Slaves each; and so

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consequently, the same would have brought me in the last 25 Years time, from *Anno* 1695. to *Anno* 1720. as much Profits as my Plantation in *Surinam* could have done, in the 6th Page of this Memorial, which amounts to 23427572 Guilders, which Profits I have lost for want of settling the same; being prevented therein by my constant attending in *Europe*, the Prosecution of my aforesaid Damages, ever since the Year 1695. whereby I am Damaged,

Guilders, 23427572



I brought a Law Suit in the Court of *Holland* at the *Hague*, in *October*, 1698. against the Heir of *Samuel Lodge*, who is now the Wife of *Gabriel Delasalie* a Sugar Planter at *Surinam*, for a considerable Sum of Money due to me, on account of a private Debt; which Law Suit is as yet undetermined; which may amount to about 20000 Guilders.

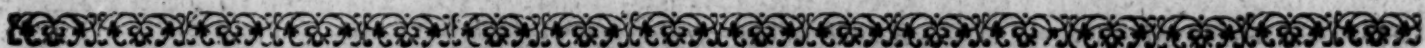
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*Anno* 1697. the Minister of the *English* Church at the *Hague*, who was my intimate Acquaintance, and who was imploy'd by the States General, to inquire into the matter of Fact, upon my Complaint of the Damages done me by the Governour and Council of *Surinam*; told me, that if I did not take the 60000 Guilders, which the Society of *Surinam*, at *Amsterdam*, had profer'd me some time before for all my aforesaid Damages, that he assur'd me, the said Society would put a Stop to all my Effects in *Surinam*, and to my Money in *Holland*, and so oblige me to run in Debt for Subsistence Money; and then to cause me to be Imprisoned for my Life time, unless I compounded the same Debt with them, for such an inconsiderable Sum of Money as the said Society should think fit to give me for my said Damages; which I now find they have done accordingly, by their stopping my Effects in *Surinam*, and my Money in *Holland*, and by my being Imprisoned in the Rules of the *Fleet* and *King's-Bench* Prisons, ever since *April*, 1704.

Wherefore I demand, very moderately, but 5000 Guilders *per* Year, for fifteen Years time of my Imprisonment, it being occasion'd and done through their Means; and in Consideration of my Fatigue, my Pain and Smart, that I have undergone in the abovesaid time of my Imprisonment; which amounts to,

Guilders, 75000



Here followeth a short Account of the whole Damages done me by the *Dutch*, from the Year 1685. to the Year 1720. in breach of the Fifth Article of the Treaty of Peace, made betwixt *England* and *Holland* in the Year 1674: And also of the Value of my real and personal Estate; which is mentioned in this my foregoing printed Memorial thereof, extracted from Page to Page, as followeth, *viz.*

Page.	Guilders.
2. Fines, Costs, Damages and Interests,	717909
6. my Plantation in <i>Surinam</i> 's Profits lost,	23427572
9. My Loss in not settling my Land at <i>Jamaica</i> ,	23427572
9. My fifteen Years Imprisonment in <i>London</i> ,	75000

Carried over, 48323053  
8 My

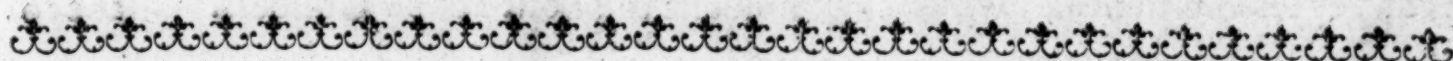


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	Guilders.
	Brought over, 48323053
8 My Plantation in <i>Surinam</i> ,	231638
8 My Land in <i>Jamaica</i> ,	103600
9 My Law Suit in the <i>Hague</i> ,	20000
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	Guilders, 48678291

To more Costs, Damages and Interests hereof, after the 10th of May 1720. And also for the Costs and Charges in the Execution of this Matter, according to the Merits of this Case, which I place here in Blank for Memorandum.

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Mr. *Clifford* having suffered many very great Damages, Hardships and Injustice, from the *Dutch* Governour and Company of *Surinam*, in breach of the Fifth Article of the Treaty of Peace, made betwixt *England* and *Holland* in the Year 1674.

Upon which Mr. *Clifford* made his several humble Applications to his late Majesty King *William* for Relief therein; and pray'd his Majesty, to grant him Letters of Reprisal, for the Recovery of his just Debt, and Removing his Goods and Slaves from *Surinam*.

Thereupon his Majesty was graciously pleas'd, to direct his Ambassador, Sir *Joseph Williamson*, and his Envoy, *Alexander Stanhope*, Esq; at the *Hague*, to interpose with the States-General (as they did) in the King's Name, by two Memorials, deliver'd on the 2d of September 1698. and the 20th of September 1700. for their High and Mightinesses Redressing Mr. *Clifford's* Damages, and for the Removing his Goods and Slaves from *Surinam*; but all without Success.

And thereupon the Dutch put a Stop to all Mr. *Clifford's* Monies in *Holland*, and the Produce of his considerable Plantation in *Surinam*, which disabled him prosecuting them any farther in the matter of his Complaint against the Governour and Company of *Surinam*, which made Mr. *Clifford's* Case very pressing, and unable to help himself any farther in the Matter.

Wherefore Mr. *Clifford* on the 21st of April, 1702. made his humble Application for Justice to Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, and pray'd Her Majesty to grant him the Benefit of the Laws of Nations, and of the Treatys of Peace made between *England* and *Holland*, for recovering his Just Right.

And Her Majesty was graciously pleased, by an Order of Council made the 31st of May following, to direct Mr. *Clifford* to deliver over to Her then Secretary of State all his Accounts, and original Papers of Proofs, relating to his said Damages; which Mr. *Clifford* did accordingly the 29th of November following by a notarial Act, and a Catalogue of them, to Sir *Charles Hedges*; who was directed by her Majesty to transmit those Papers of Proofs, with Mr. *Clifford's* Case, and the Signification of Her Majesty's Pleasure thereupon, to Her Majesty's Envoy *Alexander Stanhope* Esq; in the *Hague*, with Directions for him to represent the same a new to the States General, in order to Mr. *Clifford's* Relief.

Whereupon Sir *Charles Hedges* gave Mr. *Clifford's* said Papers to Mr. Cardinal, who deliver'd them to Mr. *Stanhope* in the *Hague*; and upon Mr. *Stanhope's* being recall'd he left Mr. *Clifford's* said Papers and Books of Accounts with his then Secretary, Mr. *De Ayrolle*, who gave them to Her Majesty's Ambassador the Earl of *Strafford* in the *Hague*; and upon his Lordship's Arrival in *England*, he delivered



vered those Papers and Accounts over to my Lord *Townsend* by his present Majesty's Orders, amongst his other Writings of State Affairs. So that all Mr. *Clifford*'s said Papers of Proofs, and Books of Accounts, must now be remaining in the Secretary of State's Office at *Whitehall*.

Mr. *Clifford* having not had any Relief, nor good Effect, from her Majesty's abovesaid Order of Council in his Favour, he made his Application a second time to her Majesty; and pray'd her Majesty to give such farther Orders, for his obtaining just and effectual Relief, by Redressing his said Damages, and Removing his Estate from *Surinam*.

And her Majesty was pleased, by an Order of Council of the 10th of *February* 1704. to direct the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to refer the true Copies of Mr. *Clifford*'s above-said Papers of Proofs, and Book of Accounts, to the Examination and Consideration of the late *Samuel Shepherd* Esq; and Mr. *John Gardiner*, two eminent Merchants of *London*, to state and adjust the Accounts between Mr. *Clifford* and the Governour and Company of *Surinam*, in such manner, as may plainly shew, what Sums are due to Mr. *Clifford* upon his several Demands; and that the said Lords Commissioners do report the same to her Majesty in Council.

And the said Lords Commissioners reported the same accordingly to her Majesty, who was pleased to approve of the same two Reports and one Account, stated by the said Merchants, by an Order of Council made thereupon the 9th of *July* 1705. a Copy of which is here indors'd; and to direct, That the said two Reports and one Account, with the annex'd Order of Council, should be put (as they were) into the Hands of the then Mr. Secretary *Harley*, now Earl of *Oxford*, for him to lay them again before her Majesty at a convenient time, for her Majesty's farther Pleasure therein: Which the then Mr. Secretary *Harley* did accordingly some time after.

And since that time Mr. *Clifford* hath not been able to get any farther Account of the Proceedings thereof: Neither has Mr. *Clifford* ever had any Benefit from the said Reports, Account and Order of Council; notwithstanding Mr. *Clifford* presumes, that pursuant to the Twenty Third Article of Peace, made with *Holland* in the Year 1667. there hath been Reprisals made in his Behalf on this Account, in or about the Year 1712. upon Thirteen Dutch Ships arrived at *Cowes* in the Isle of *White*, loaden with about 10000 Hhds. of Sugar from *Surinam*, bound to *Holland*.

That thereupon Mr. *Clifford* has been thrown into Prison, where he has lain under a long and tedious Confinement in the Rules of the *Fleet* and *King's-Bench* Prisons ever since *April* 1704. for want of what is justly due to him from the said Governour and Company of *Surinam*; and in which time his Estates in *Surinam*, in *Barbadoes*, and in *Jamaica*, hath been torn to pieces, and the Interest of them lost, to his excessive great Damage; as will plainly appear at length by his Accounts thereof.

*Wherefore Mr. Clifford most humbly prays, That the said two Reports, with the Account and annex'd Order of Council of the 9th of July, 1705. and the farther Proceedings made thereupon since, may be laid before This Honourable House: And that he may have such effectual Relief herein, as to Your Honourable House's Great Wisdom and Justice shall seem meet.*

**Jeronimy Clifford.**

**At**



At the Court at *Windsor*, the 9th of July, 1705.

P R E S E N T,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**U**PON reading this Day at the Board, a Report from the Lords Commissioners of Trade, upon the Petition of Jeronimy Clifford, Merchant, complaining of great Hardships sustained by him from the Dutch Governour and Company of Surinam; and of great Delays and Disappointments he has met with in Holland, in the Prosecution of his Just Claims and Demands: As also a Report of two eminent Merchants of London, to whom the said Lords Commissioners had referred the Examination of the several Accompts, between the Petitioner and the said Governour and Company of Surinam; Her Majesty in Council is pleased to approve of the said Reports, and of the Accompt stated by the said two Merchants, hereunto annexed: And to order, as it is hereby ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Harley do lay the same before Her Majesty at a convenient time, for Her Majesty's farther Pleasure therein.

Was Signed

John Povey.

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